

2004 INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE

October 24-25
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
USA

CHALLENGES IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Public procurement has been a neglected area of research, despite its importance as a key function of government. Public procurement faces greater public scrutiny than its counterpart in the private sector. Public procurement professionals walk a tight rope over the real world: being responsive to policy makers and citizens while trying to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Moreover, public procurement more than just purchasing goods and services needed for government operations; it is used as a policy tool to achieve social, economic, and political objectives.

Finally, a changing environment of technological advances, international trade agreements, changes in business practices, and increased demands by various stakeholders (policy makers, taxpayers and business partners) is forcing major changes in the public procurement function.

The conference will provide an opportunity for practitioners and researchers alike to share best practices, discuss critical issues of concern, and exchange work experiences.

Researchers and practitioners from other countries than the USA are particularly encouraged.

CALL FOR PAPERS

We welcome papers on a wide range of public procurement topics, but authors are specifically invited to share their research findings in the following areas:

- public procurement ethics and politics;

- public procurement performance;
- innovative public procurement practices such as e-procurement and reverse auctions;
- public procurement reform experiences; and
- public procurement as a social, economic, and political policy.

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2004

Please submit an abstract of up to 120 words (including paper title) by April 30, 2004 to: Professor Khi V. Thai at thai@fau.edu

CONFERENCE FEE

The fee for the full conference and workshop is \$US 95.00 (covering three meals per day for this two-day event). Registration should be made before September 15, 2004.

Those who pay after this deadline have to pay a \$US 30.00 surcharge.

Cancellations before the conference are eligible for a 50% refund of the conference fee.

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Detailed information about hotel and conference registrations will be posted at www.fau.edu/pprc after March 10, 2004.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

	October 24	October 25
MORNING	Registration Opening plenary session	Parallel tracks Closing plenary session
	Lunch	Lunch
AFTERNOON	Parallel tracks	Workshop
EVENING	Welcome reception	Banquet

ACCOMMODATIONS

The event will be held at the **Holiday Inn-Fort Lauderdale Beach**

999 Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304, USA
Phone: (954) 563-5961; Fax: (954) 568-3003

Conference Room Rate: \$89.00/single or double
(plus tax and other standard charges)

Parking: \$6.00/day

The Holiday Inn is a modern and efficient hotel facing the Atlantic Ocean, just a few dozen meters from sandy beaches. It is about five miles from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (\$6.00 one way, shuttle bus arranged by the hotel),

or you may fly to Miami International Airport (about 30 minutes away, \$75.00 one way/four passengers).

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